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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: The Korean Situation

I. Military Situation

Summary

Bitter resistance by small pockets of enemy troops in Seoul is causing heavy destruction to buildings in the capital. Elements of the US 1st Cavalry Division, driving northwest from Taegu, have linked up with elements of the US 7th Division in the Osan area south of Suwon. All units of the US 8th Army continued to advance west and north from southeastern Korea against scattered light to moderate resistance.

Ground

UN troops in the city of Seoul are still meeting stiff resistance from remaining enemy pockets entrenched in buildings and behind street barricades. Four hundred UN prisoners of war have been liberated in Seoul. South of Seoul in the Suwon area a US patrol engaged an estimated enemy company supported by two tanks, and there are further indications of a build-up by enemy troops in the Suwon area, probably enemy forces withdrawing from southwestern Korea. All US 8th Army troops advanced against scattered light to moderate resistance north and west from southeastern Korea. ROK troops have entered the east coast town of Ulchin, near the 37th parallel, and the town of Chunyong approximately 30 miles inland from Ulchin. Advanced elements of the US 1st Cavalry Division have linked up with troops from the Inchon beachhead at Osan, ten miles south of Suwon. US 24th Division troops advancing along the main Taegu-Taejon highway entered Yongdong against light enemy resistance and are continuing to advance toward Taejon. Elements of the US 2nd Division met moderate enemy resistance during their advance westward from Kochang to Anui. Blown bridges, mine-fields, and stiffening enemy resistance limited progress of the US 25th Division beyond Chinju towards Hadong on the southern coast. Rear elements of UN forces in southeastern Korea are engaged in mopping-up enemy pockets cut off by the rapid progress of advanced spearheads.

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Navy

UN carrier-based aircraft flew 420 sorties in support of ground units and attacked enemy transport routes around Seoul. A UN naval task force composed of destroyers, carrier aircraft and a cruiser conducted a heavy bombardment of enemy defense installations at Tungsan-got, on the southern tip of the Onjin peninsula.

Air

UN air forces continued to support advancing UN troops and harassed enemy groups moving north from the battle areas of southeast Korea.

II. General Situation

Radio Pyongyang has broadcast a recent speech by North Korean Premier Kim Il Sung in which the Premier denounces the "enemy" for trying to disturb the rear areas by utilizing spies and scaremongers. This "line" represents an innovation in North Korean propaganda and is the first Communist reference to possible internal disaffection.

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